SEPT. 1948 CLASSIFICATION 25X1A2q Approved For Release 1999/09/09: CIÁ-RDP82-00457R002700640004-2 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO. INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. 25X1A2g COUNTRY Austria/USSR DATE DISTR. MAY 1949 SUBJECT Changes in USIA Organizations NO. OF PAGES and Personnel 25X1A6a PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW) **ACQUIRED** SUPPLEMENT TO DATE OF IN REPORT NO. Date: 25X1X6 Until approximately January 1949 the Soviet code names for the various USIA tone of the GUSTME MAJAUre because the senter the and yet fully crystallized, but the Soviets are continuing the stock company designations in anticipation of eventual establishment of the new system. With the exception of Voith and Siemens-Schuckert, the large USIA plants are dismissing between two and four percent of their employees per week on orders from USIA Director MALAVIN Instructions have been issued for the initiation of cost-cutting "rationalization of production methods". USIA authorities have ordered a change in the wage scale for piece work (Akkordloehne) and, according to source, Socialist Trade Union leaders in USIA plants have acknowlegedd that previous piece quotas were too low in comparison with wage rates. According to STEINER, Chairman of the Workers Council of USIA, USIA and all departments and plants under its control employed approximately 26,000 laborers and office workers as of the middle of March 1949. Of these, approximately 800 were Communists, but STEINER complained that only half of these could be considered active Party members. KPOe meetings and social functions sponsored by USIA showed a fifty percent decrease in attendance over comparable meetings in 1948.

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OPEIKIN, commerce. Dr. HUTSCHENECKER and Hans ALBIN, commercial director, are responsible to SHEGELEV.**

- 5. RUBLIOV, general director of the Heavy Industry Department of the USIA Machine Construction Administration, has been ordered to return to the Soviet Union.
- 6. During the month of April, it was observed that the following new Soviet personnel had been assigned to USIA departments. The functions of each are not yet known.

Electrical Department, A/O Kabel

OSACHOV KASANOV ARSHINOV

Heavy Industry, A/O Podemmakk

BOGDONAROV CHUDOV MAŽOROV TUKACHENKO

Metallurgical Department, A/O Marten



Light Machiney Department, A/O Aftovelo

Chief Accountant SIROV

BUNIN SIROV TOPOROV FIRSAYEV PETROV

Central USIA Administration

SAMSONOV SMIROV KUPIKIN

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- 7. The Economic Research Department of USIA, headed by Engineer VORONIN, has been dissolved, and the function of drawing up comparative prices and market condition statistics has been transferred to the Central Commercial Bureau. VORONIN has been given a new assignment with offices in Room 41 of the Trattnerhof, and Austrian personnel of the Economic Research Department have been transferred to the Central Commercial Bureau. The offices of the Economic Research Department, Vienna IV, Brucknerstrasse 2, are being turned over to the Sales and Purchases Offices of the Machine Construction Department, A/O Aftovelo. This department is being enlarged, and an Austrian director is to be appointed during the latter part of April.
- 8. PISAREV has replaced MEVKOVICH as commercial director of the Chemical Industry Department's Sales and Purchasing Office on Wohllebengasse. According to source, PISAREV advised several of his Austrian subordinates to look for other positions, since USIA would probably be dissolved in the near future.
- 9. Tegetex, a new USIA firm, has been established to handle the sale of textiles. Tegetex has some connection with the sales department of the Alt-Erlaaer Faerberei und Appretur A.G. and uses the shipping firm, Moebeltransport-und Moebellagerei Hausner & Co., Vienna I, Mahlerstrasse 7, to import textiles and fibers from Italy. A percentage of these imports is resold to firms in the Mastern Zome of Germany.***

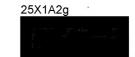
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Comment: The use of these code names has been noted and confirmed by other sources, and it has been observed in recent months that individual USIA and SMV firms have been given more latitude in matters pertaining to procurement, sales, personnel, and finances.

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Comment: Source has not enlarged upon this statement and dismissals of USIA employees on such a broad scope have not yet been confirmed by other

ALBIN was scheduled to resign from the Central Commercial Bureau on 1 April to take over the position of general director of Communist-controlled Intrac

reported by the same source purpose of coordinating the buting firms.

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